pay Rs. 5 per quintal increase in the price of sugarcane announced by the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b)The Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) has represented (to the Finance Minister) through pre-Budget Memorandum that basic excise duty on sugar currently charged at the rate of Rs. 34/- per quintal may be exempted for a period of one year. No change has been effected in the duty rates.

WRITTEN ANSWERSTO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Reliability of CBI

†1542. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent working of the CBI is reliable and what has been the source from which information is leaked before any action is initiated by the CBI and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps Government intend to take in order to keep the reliability of the CBI intact, besides streamlining its functioning and keeping its confidential aspect intact?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) From the high success rate in consistently securing convictions in more than 68% cases forwarded for trial to various Courts, the over 85% punishment rate in Disciplinary cases, the fast pace of disposal with more than 1100 investigations completed within a year, during the last 2 years and the large number of cases entrusted for investigation on orders of various Courts and requests

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of the State Governments, it can be said that the functioning of the Central Bureau of Investigation is reliable. According to the Central Bureau of Investigation, it is not aware of any specific source from which informations is being leaked before any action is initiated by it.

(b) The question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana

†1543. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the various States under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana from 1999-2000 onwards, year-wise;

(b) Uttar Pradesh's share in this regard; and

(c) by when the next instalment of the funds is likley to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRISANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Central Government releases funds for Subsidy as well as for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, Contingency etc. The funds for subsidy are authorized to the Reserve Bank of India for passing on to the individual beneficiaries through the implementing banks and are not released directly to the State/ Uts.The funds for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, Contingency etc. are released to the States/UTs. The Statement showing year-wise details from 1999-00 to 2002-03 (as on 26.02.2003) of funds released to States/UTs including to Uttar Pradesh under the PMRY is at Statement (See below).

(c) Under the PMRY, release of funds to States/UTs depend upon the progress under the Scheme and utilization of the previously released funds.

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